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DELASCAN

Nov. 10, 1960

Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Arboreta and Botanic Gardens!!! Our Department has shown a fine effort and made good contributions to Associated-In-Group-Donors (AID). As you recall, in our last DELASCAN we stated that only 27% of our Department's employees were members of A-I-D. We are now up to 75%. Whereas we only had about one out of each four employees belonging to A-I-D, we now have three out of each four employees belonging to A-I-D.

Although we did not reach the County wide target of 80%, nor our own target of 81%, we did show one of the highest increases in the County. We can, therefore, hold our heads high at the A-I-D report meeting on November 16, 1960. As of now, there are only 19 Departments that have a greater membership percentage than our Department. Prior to the A-I-D campaign, there were 34 Departments that had higher percentages.

We still have six days before the Report Meeting. If some of you who have not joined will now join, we can reach our goal of 81%. We only need five more members. Contact the person who first solicited you, or Rich Watson, Senior Administrative Assistant.

Personnel

We heartily welcome the following employees to our Department:

Gene McInturf, Arboretum Guard. Gene transferred from the Mechanical Department.

Margery Naramore, Arboretum Information Aid. Margery is working with Gertrude Woods on Children's Education.

We bid a fond farewell and wish the best for the future to the following employees who have left our Department:

Bob Barritt, Arboretum Information Aid, Temporary. Bob has entered the Armed Forces.

Brandon Brown, Park Maintenance Man Helper, Temporary. Brandon has taken a permanent position elsewhere.

John Jackson, Janitor at the Arboretum. John has gone into business for himself.

Christmas Party

Christmas is almost upon us - and so is our Annual Christmas Party. As announced in the September 8, 1960 Newsletter, the party will be held on December 17, 1960. It begins at 6:00 PM with a cocktail hour. Dinner, consisting of top sirloin steak with all the trimmings, will probably be served at 7:30 PM. Dancing to the music of the "Hot Toddies" will be from 9:00 PM till 1:00 AM. The party will be held at the Elk's Club, 27 West Huntington Drive, Arcadia. There is ample space for parking in back of and on the side of the Elk's Club.

Total cost of the party to you, except for drinks, is $2.50 per couple. You are welcome to bring guests. Each guest, however, must pay $3.50 - or $7.00 per couple for guests. The money will be collected by members of the Social Committee.

In order to make effective plans for the party, we must know how many people plan to attend. Please complete the form below and give it to a member of the Social Committee by November 25, 1960. Members of the Social Committee are: Descanso Gardens, Marie Castleman and Bobby Vargas; Arboretum, Al Bardelli, Don Graf, Marty Martinez, Jack McCaskill, Kathy Woods, and Rich Watson.

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

I will attend the Department's Annual Christmas Party.

Check One

(   ) I will bring one other person with me (cost per couple - $2.50).

(   ) I will come alone (cost for one employee only ---------- $1.25)

I will also bring (   ) number of guests to the party, (cost per $3.50)

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Signed

San Gabriel Valley Fall Flower Show Attendance

	1959	1960	Increase this year
Friday	1,583	1,802	219
Saturday	2,898	5,162	2,264
Sunday	8,768	10,296	1,528
Total	13,249	17,260	4,011

Fifteenth Horticultural Congress

The Horticulturial Congress is underway. In the October 10, 1960 DELASCAN we mentioned that all employees were invited to attend the Congress on November 11th, Veteran's Day. On this day the Congress meets at the Arboretum. The cost has been changed from $5.00 per employee (as mentioned in the October 10, 1960 DELASCAN) to $3.50. This includes a catered luncheon. The Congress, which started yesterday, ends on Saturday, November 12th. For information and reservations contact George Spalding, Arboretum Superintendent, who is the Chairman of the Congress.

Strictly Personal

The following employees had birthdays during October:

Bernice McKeen - 5th
Boyd Keith - 5th
Gene McInturff - 8th
Ed. Pugh -10th
Al Bardelli -12th
Calvin Adams -17th
John L. Threlkeld - 13th
Wynona Drach - 15th
Richard E. Watson - 24th
Doyle Smith - 28th
Rudy Jacquez - 30th
Hays Mecum - 30th

The following employees have birthdays during November:

Garner Engel - 2nd
Doug Dancer - 6th
Gerald Gause - 7th
Ross Goodrich -18th
Robert Barritt - 8th
Tom McGah - 9th
Anthony Razutis - 11th
Gerry Patten - 22nd
Dr. Wm. S. Stewart - 14th

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU ALL!!!!!

Elementary School Contribution to Arboretum

When the 6th grade class from Macy School, Whittier, had a field trip at the Arboretum, Denis Kucera asked them if in preparing for their trip they had learned what an Arboretum was. He was more than slightly surprised when, after a brief consultation with its teacher, the entire class recited the following poem.

If you are real fond of the poem, you might try singing it to the tune of "Yankee Doodle."

An Arboretum is a place where the trees and flowers grow,
In case you have not made the trip we thought you'd like to know.
Our purpose is to see the ponds and learn about the trees,
We'll also see some flowers there and birds and bugs and bees.
We'll find out what environment means; that's the things around us all,
And habitat is where something lives in case you'd like to call.
Species is a big main group of something like plants or birds,
And these things all have family names if you'll learn to call the words.
An aquatic plant in the water lives and does not like the land,
Adaptation means if it has to change it will do so if it can.
A migrant is something that moves around like an animal, bird or man,
If there's anything else you'd like to know we'll tell you if we can.
Insect larvae, willow trees, we'll have looked or touched and heard,
We think we'd like to see or feel or name it with a word.
A sanctuary is a kind of place where it's safe for things to stay,
And that's why they always ask you not to take their things away.
Plant succession, soil erosion, or funny birds and beans,
Ask us if you'd like to hear for we know what this all means.

THE END

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